THE

# TALLIES

OF

# WAR

AND

# PEACE:

Or, what may be expected from the

PRESENT SITUATION

OF

AFFAIRS in EUROPE.

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## PEACE.

HEN I consider how vast are the Preparations for War now made all over Europe, tho' in Peace, methinks I see Battels

and Sieges very near at Hand: And when I behold at Vienna the stiff-necked Bent of the Emperor's Council, and at Madrid the renewed Rhodomontados of the Spaniards about Gibraltar, &c. I cannot but think that a War is designed against us.

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But when I fix my Thoughts on the Largeness, Fertility and Riches of these Kingdoms; the Multitude of warlike People in our Nation; the great Number of Horses and Ships we have; the Provisions and Ammunition we are Masters of; our advantageous Situation for Defence and Trade; our great Number of Sea-Ports and Harbours, which are of difficult Access to Enemies, and of easy Out-let to Friends; our Wealth, not only in Money, but in all Things necessary for Food and Raiment, in War or Peace, for our plentiful Use, and even to supply the Wants of other Nations in such a Measure, that Money may thereby be yearly gain'd to make our Happiness the greater: When my Thoughts, I fay are fix'd on all these Advantages, I cannot forbear thinking that the Councils of Vienna and Madrid will alter their Minds, particularly when they are made fensible of the Continuance of that fweet Harmony which is kept in Parliament between His Majesty and Subjects; and the rather, because thos Councils know that we have a powerful

powerful King, whom Heaven has rais'd on the Throne crown'd and invested with all the Advantages just mentioned: A King whose Wisdom is equal to his Goodness; and whose Valour and Experience in Wars may be said to surpass his Power it self, notwithstanding the Addition of his German Dominions to the Imperial Crown of these Kingdoms, and his Insuence on his powerful Allies.

With all these happy Advantages we have, can it be thought, without Temerity, that it is an easy thing to deprive us of our lawful Possessions, and set up, against our immediate Interest, a Company to interfere with our Trade, contrary to Treaties? No sure; and if the Councils who occasioned the present Rumours of War, may be allowed to act with Reason, in respect to their own Interest, it is probable they will alter their Minds, as I have already said. If not, I can see nothing but War: And that the Enemies of Peace will soon see, with the utmost Disappointment, how dangerous

it is to rowse a Lyon from his Rest; For they may depend upon the unanimous Vigour of a brave and wealthy People, who are always ready to sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes for the Honour of His Majesty, which is inseparable from that of his Subjects, and for maintaining the Blessings they enjoy under the best of Governments, as most certainly our present Establishment is.

The present Situation of Affairs in Europe, and the Resolutions thereupon taken here, cannot but call to my Mind the Tallies which the Old Republick of Rome us'd to send to their Neighbours when any Incroachment or Breach of Treaties was offer'd by them against the Romans or their Allies.

These Tallies were two short Sticks, on one of which, the Word PEACE was ingraven, and on the other, that of WAR. The Party to whom these Tallies were sent, had the Choice of War or Peace:

And when they persisted in their unjust

Pretentions, they took the Tally of WAR; but when they were better advis'd, and made fentible of their Errors, they then chose that of PEACE.

'Tis strange, how some Princes are altered! Who could have imagin'd that a Prince who is beholden to other Nations for most of his Dominions, should so foon forget the Obligation, and endeavour to ruin the Trade of his Benefactors, instead of striving to do them the good Offices they might in Justice have expected from him? Who could have thought that a Prince, rais'd, as it were, in Opposition to a Crown, which was thought too formidable, should so soon oblige the Powers that set him up, to join with that very Crown, in Opposition to his own formidable Power, to fay nothing of his ill grounded Pretensions and ambitious Designs? No, such Things could not, I dare fay, have been expected, at least in so short a Time.

It is furprizing, most surprizing, to see a Prince join with the greatest Enemy

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of his own Blood and Country, in Oppolition to a Nation that has lavishly furnished him with Men and Treasure, to set him upon a Throne! And could that Nation have expected to see so soon the vast Sums, which might have been employ'd in the Payment of her just Debt, go into the Hands of a Prince who is her natural Enemy? No, certainly such things could not be thought of.

How can a Man, without being amaz'd, behold the fudden Reconciliation of two Princes, who, by Nature, and thro' Motives of Honour and Interest, were before mortal Enemies? Who can see without Admiration the extraordinary Concessions of one of these Princes in Behalf of a reconciled Enemy, which could hardly have been expected by his best Friends and Benefactors? Sure the French, as well as others, have Reason to be amaz'd at fuch unaccountable Proceedings. It is plain that the Councils of these two Princes have Set Europe out of her natural Situation; which certainly cannot long

long continue so: Neither can it be expected in Reason by the Contrivers of the Treaty of Vienna themselves. And I dare say, without the Help of either Prophecy or Conjunation, that the new and great Friendship of these two Princes will not continue so long, as their Animosity did; because these had a natural Cause, and the former is grounded upon nothing but unjust and chimerical Defigns.

And first, to prove that those Designs are unjust, I will only give here a Memorial of the King of Spain's Minister in London, relating to the Ostend Company, without troubling my Reader with all the Articles of Treaties against that Establishment; and then two Articles of the Treaty of Otrecht, concerning Gibrattar and Minorca, in which is Port Mahon. It will be easy for me afterwards, to shew how those Designs may be accounted chimerical.



A Memorial deliver'd to the Court of Great-Britain, by the Spanish Minister, the 5th of April, 1724.

THE Kings of Spain had of old the Power, and have been in Possession of excluding from the Navigation of the Indies, all the Subjects of their Dominions, except those of Spain.

'By Consequence the Inhabitants of the Netherlands were excluded, as well as the rest: The Kings of Spain have afferted it in the Negotiations of Peace or Truce with the United Provinces: At length those Provinces agreed to it by the Treaty of Munster; so that the Division of the Indies being settled, the two Parties were oblig'd to abstain from navigating within the Limits of each other.

It follows then, that the United Provinces having obliged themselves not to navigate to the Spanish Indies, did at the same Time acquire the Right of

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- excluding the Subjects of the Dominions
- of Spain, as also those of the Spanish
- Netherlands, from navigating within
- their Limits.
- Things remaining in this State at the Time the Spanish Netherlands were yielded to the Elector of Bavaria, that Ceffion could not produce any Alteration to the Prejudice of the Right of the United Provinces; there being no Ground to presume, that the Intention of the King of Spain was to deprive himself of his Right, by leaving to the said yielded Netherlands the Liberty of navigating to the Indies.
  - The Cession which the King of France made in the Name of the King of Spain, to the States General of the United Provinces, in Favour of the House of Austria, was on the same Foot. France having engaged to cause the said Netherands to be yielded by the Elector of Bavaria, as by the States General of the United Provinces in Favour of the House

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of Austria, that Cession having been made directly; but by the Intervention of the States General, as appears by the Treaty of Peace between France and the United Provinces, (Art. 'IX.) the Intention was not in any ' manner to do any Prejudice to the ' faid United Provinces, the rather because by the same Treaty the States " General engaged, that the House of Aufria should perform all the Conditions which were otherwise stipulated: It is likewise evident, that the King of France interpoling for the King of Spain, his Grandson and Ally, had no Intention to do Prejudice to Spain, in Favour of the House of Austria, with

Besides all this, the 32d Article of the said Treaty declares sufficiently that the Intention was, the Navigation to the Indies should remain of the same Foot as formerly.

which he was then at War.

Which is proved yet more evidently, by the Treaty fince made between Spain and the United Provinces,
by which (Art. XXX.) the Treaty
of Munster is made the Basis, more
particularly (by Art. XXXIII, and
XXXIV.) with respect to the Indies.

'By the Treaty of Barrier (Art. V.)

'it is expressly declared, that the House

of Austria should possess those Nether
lands as the late King Charles II. had

possessed, and ought to possess them.

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'If after all that has been represented to his Imperial Majesty on the Part of the States General of the United Provinces, seconded in the strongest Manner by the High Allies, the Cession of the Netherlands should come to be confirmed by Spain, without reserving expressly to it self the exclusive Right on the Navigation to the Indies in general, and without Exception, the Consequence would be, that the States General would be rightly intitled to demand

demand Satisfaction of Spain, for hav-

'ing thereby made a great Infraction

of the Treaty of Munster; and fur-

ther, being not able to enjoy the Ef-

' fects of the faid Treaty in this Parti-

cular, they would be disingaged from

the reciprocal Obligation to abstain

from the Navigation of the Spanish

Indies.

Moreover, Spain it self is at least as much interested for the suture as the

" United Provinces: For, on the Foun-

bitants of those Netherlands might as

' lawfully navigate within the Limits

of Spain, as within those of the Unit-

ed Provinces.

'There needs no more than to reflect

on one Side, on the great Extent of

the Permission given by the Grants to

the Oftend Company, with the manner

' in which the Emperor has explained

himself touching the pretended Liberty;

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- Extent of the Spanish Indies, to be con-
- ' vinced how necessary it is to provide,
- that Traders so supported may not make
- · Settlements there; which in Time
- might ruin those of Spain.

The Tenth and Eleventh Articles of the Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and Spain, concluded at Utrecht the 2-13th Day of July, 1712.

#### ARTICLE X.

for himself, his Heirs, and Successors, yield to the Crown of Great Britain the full and entire Propriety of the Town and Castle of Gibraltar, together with the Port, Fortifications, and Forts thereunto belonging; and he gives up the said Propriety to be held and enjoy'd absolutely with all Manner of Right for ever, without any Exception or Impediment whatsoever. But

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' that Abuses and Frauds may be avoided by importing any Kinds of Goods, the Catholick King wills, and takes it to be understood, that the above named Propriety be yielded to Great Britain without any Territorial Jurisdiction, ' and without any open Communication by Land with the Country round about. 'Yet whereas the Communication by Sea with the Coast of Spain may not ' at all Times be fafe or open, and there-· by it may happen that the Garrison, and other Inhabitants of Gibraltar, may be brought to great Streights; and as ' it is the Intention of the Catholick King, only that fraudulent Importation of Goods should, as is above faid, be hindered by an Inland Communication, it is therefore provided, That in such Cases, it may be lawful to purchase for ' ready Money in the neighbouring Territories of Spain, Provisions, and other Things necessary for the Use of the · Garrison, the Inhabitants, and the Ships which lie in the Harbour.

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#### ARTICLE XI.

" Moreover, the Catholick King does

in like manner for himself, his Heirs

and Successors, yield to the Crown of

Great Britain the whole Island of Mi-

o norca, and doth transfer thereunto for

ever all Right and the most absolute

' Dominion over the faid Island, and in

· particular over the Town, Castle, Har-

· bour and Fortifications of the Bay of

" Minorca, commonly call'd Port Mahon,

together with the other Ports, Places,

and Towns situated in the aforesaid

Ifland.

Had England, France and Holland been inconsiderable Powers, in Comparison to the Emperor and the King of Spain, the Hopes of putting those Designs in Execution, notwithstanding their being unjust, might have been accounted no Chimera; but these three Nations being known, by their own Strength, to be able to do themselves Justice, there could be no reason to expect any Success from C 2 Designs

Designs so ill grounded: And therefore the most that can be said in Favour of the Contrivers of the Treaty of Vienna, is, that they were very short in their Politicks.

But supposing those infatuated Politicians should still have Credit enough in the Councils of Vienna and Madrid, as to carry their Point there, in Behalf of their unreasonable Scheme; what then? Why, they'll chuse then the Tally for War; and War we must have: In which Case, thank God, besides the Justice we have on our Side, we are, at least, as well prepared as his Imperial Majesty and the Catholick King; notwithstanding all the Noise they make.

They might remember, but that they are both very forgetful, that England and Holland did, by their Power, raise a Prince first to be King of Spain, and then, through their Interest, procur'd him the Empire. And that it was the Power of France, that rais'd a Prince to the Crown of

incochidatable Horora

of Spain, which he might have lost, notwithstanding the powerful Assistance of the French, had not England consirm'd him on the Throne, by the ensuing Peace. These are Facts so fresh in most Men's Memory, that they want no Argument to support their Truth, and yet, they are forgot by such as should remember them most.

Can it be believ'd that a Nation as capable still, as she was then, to maintain her own Right, and that of her Allies, is to be frighted out of her just Possessions, and threatned with a Pretender, after so much Blood and Treasure she has been lavish of to acquire the first, and to keep out the latter? No sure, none but shallow Brains can entertain such Thoughts.

Great Britain knows her true Interest, which she will lawfully maintain. She knows, that the Oftend Company would be a great Detriment to her foreign Trade; and, as long as there are Treaties

ties against that Establishment, she will oppose it with all her Might. She knows, that Gibraltar and Port-Mahon, are able to protect her foreign Trade; and having lawfully, and by Treaties, acquired those Places, she will maintain them with all her Power; for she is senfible, that foreign Trade is the Great Revenue of the King, the Honour of the Kingdom, the noble Profession of the Merchant, the School of our Arts, the Supply of our Wants, the Employment of our Poor, the Improvement of our Lands, the Nursery of our Mariners, the Means of our Treasure, the Sinews of our Wars, and the Terror of our Enemies.

The Consequence of what I have said is, that if, contrary to Treaties, any Nation or Nations are resolv'd to interfere with our Trade, deprive us of our Possessions, or offer to force upon us a Pretender, we must have War, and give them their fill of it, since the Warning given them already for their own Good, seems to prove inessectual.

But besides the pretended Right of those Nations, on the Things in Dispute, they tell us, that we are the Aggreffors already, because we have fent two Squadrons of Men of War on the Coasts of Spain, and at Porto-Bello. The Pretence of our afting in an hostile Manner, is as ill grounded as the Pretensions that occasioned the Treaty of Vienna, For it is very well known, that those Squadrons were fent, not only to fecure our Trade, but also to prevent the Rupture design'd by those very Nations, pursuant to the Measures they had taken, which in themselves are more really Acts of Hostility than what is pretended from our Men of War.

The Breach of Treaties is an Act of Hostility, which our Nation cannot in Justice be charg'd with, as others are at this Time. The frequent seizing of Merchant Ships under salse Pretences, contrary to Treaties, is an Act of Hostility, long complain'd of, and never redress'd. And the keeping a known Correspondence with with the Pretender, and not only countenancing his Abbettors, but even encouraging them fo far, as to make Warlike Preparations for their Affishance, contrary to Treaties, is an Act of Hostility, very plain, tho' deny'd. Any of these Acts of Hostility, would have been a sufficient Inducement for the Roman Senate to send their Tallies of War and Peace. I could mention here several other Infractions and Provocations, which I omit for Brevity sake, and to make room for a Letter, which I think, very much to the Purpose.

Letter written by the Countede Mouville, to the Nuncio Massei, Nov. 11, 1726510

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OUR Excellency has feen, by

mount of write to you the 17th of last

Month, the Reasons which hinder's

this Majesty from answering distinctly

to the Proposition which the King of

Spain had been wrought upon to make

to his Majesty, to declare himself a.

gainst the King of Great Britain; un-

der Pretext, that He having first in-

fringed the Peace, by the pretended

· Hostilities committed in America by

' Admiral Hosier, the Engagements mere-

'ly Desensive, which his Majesty has

contracted with England and other

Powers, do no longer subsist.

'Though I have already acquainted your Excellency with Part of the Grievances which Mr. Walpole had ale ledged in the Name of the King his · Master against the Court of Madrid, his Majesty thought sit to have them " more particularly stated to him, that he might not act but after mature and ferious Deliberation: Whereupon the King of Great Britain has caused the Memorial to be communicated to him, which he sends to Mr. Stanhope; containing an accurate Deduction of all that has pass'd since the Treaties of Vienna, and appearing not to have added any thing but upon Facts that are either publick,

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which the King of Great Britain affirms

he has in his Hands.

'I must not conceal from your Excel-

' lency, that his Majesty's Council was

fruck extreemly with all the Proofs

by which his Britannick Majesty makes out, that the Court of Spain were the

first, who, by previous Proceedings,

' made a Breach in the Peace of Europe;

and that it was They who gave Birth

to Alarms and Distrusts sufficient to

kindle a new War, unless the Justice

and Piety of the King of Spain apply

the necessary Remedies.

Neither must I conceal from your

Excellency, that his Majesty is actually

required to execute the Engagements

he has contracted with the King of

Great Britain; on the Motives, that the

'Safety of his Government, as well as

that of his Subjects, is really attack'd

by Projects that he has the Proofs of;

the making use of which has been deferr'd,

deferred, only in hopes that a general

Reconciliation might be brought about,

which might have dissipated all the

· Outrages capable of new kindling War.

It is in this View, that the King has exerted all his Efforts to establish a mutual good Intelligence between the Courts of France and Madrid; and his "Majesty is not asham'd to avow, that he has not ceased to make the most e pathetick and the most pressing Inflances, to obtain it. He thought he might reasonably flatter himself, that the Goodness of Heart of the Catholick King, his Tenderness for the King his Nephew, and all the Proofs of Zeal. and Respect which he has received ' from the French Nation, would easily dispose him to so just and natural a Re-' conciliation: But his Majesty is forced to acknowledge, that he has met with onothing from the King his Uncle but Refufals, and the most settled Indications of an absolute Indifference.

What is the more surprising, is, that at the Time when the King of Spain is exhausting his Country of all the Gold and Silver, to give immense Subsidies to a foreign Power, he owes above Eighty Millions to France, for the Succours which Dewis the 14th furnished him, by Land and Sea, to fix that Prince on the Throne of Spain; and is it possible to be persuaded, after this, that the Treaty of Vienna is only define?

But without offering here to remind his Catholick Majesty of the Obligations he has to a Nation, which will never repent of having sacrificed their Fortunes and Lives for a Prince of the Blood of their Kings; and to keep only to what regards his Majesty's Allies, whose Interest affects him no less than his own; your Excellency will observe, that independently of the Treaty of Hanover, his Majesty was before engaged, by the Treaties of the Triple and Quadruple Alliance, to

affift the King of Great Britain in case of Disturbance in his Dominions, and to support the Republick of Holland in the Rights which they had acquired by the Treaty of Munster, of which they have ever since been in Possession, and which the King of Spain himself has acknowledged as certain and incontestable.

If his Catholick Majesty has changed his Opinion since; and if he has shought sit to engage to support the Company of Ostend, which a little while before he judged was established unjustly, and contrary to the Enagements of the Crown of Spain, his sagements of the Crown of Spain, his sagesty has no Reason to sollow his example; and the Fidelity with which the King of Great Britain has oferved all the Points of the Allieuce which he has contracted with sance, obliges his Majesty to be no saithful on his Part.

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Heitherefore thinks himself bound secipilito with his Allies, in demanding Satisfaction of the Court of Spain, up. on the feveral Grievances of which They have already complained; and to declare to his Catholick Majesty, Chapif under the Pretext of what is epretended to have been done by Ad. miral Hosier in America, or for any one of the Reasons alledged by the Marquels de la Paz, in his Letter of the 30th of September last to Mr. Stan chops, the thinks fit to come to a Rup ture with the King of Great Britan or with the other Allies of France, hi · Majefty cannot excuse himself from affilting and fupporting them, pu ' fuant to his Engagements, against a Powers who hall attack them, an will make it a common Cause wit he has contraded with

Majesty deeper Concern, than to

forced to come to that Extremit

and He cannot but conjure the C

tholick King, to reflect maturely on the fatal Consequences of a War, which cannot but be imputed to his Catholick Majesty's constant Resusal to enter into any Methods that might have procured the Reconciliation of the two Crowns.

'When your Excellency sends to Madrid the Answer which I have been ordered to make to you, you cannot too much assure the King of Spain of the tender Friendship which his Maiesty bears to the King his Uncle, and of the sincere Desire he has to concur in a general Pacification, jointly with his Allies. I am, &c.

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